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SUBJECT: US/FRG POLICY PLANNING TALKS

1. DURING INFORMAL TALKS LAST SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON WIT;
S/P DIRECTOR LORD, FRG PLANNING STAFF CHIEF KLAUS BLECH
EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR MORE STRUCTURED PLANNING STAFF
TALKS EARLY THIS YEAR IN GERMANY. LORD ACCEPTED THIS INVI-
TATION IN PRINCIPLE, LEAVING THE DATE TO BE SET LATER.
WHILE LORD WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HOLD THESE TALKS BEFOREHAND,
TWO TRIPS TO CHINA PLUS OTHER FOREIGN TRAVEL AND RESPONSI-
BILITIES MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT A TIME
CAN NOW BE ARRANGED.

2. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE OF BLECH
WHETHER THE GERMANS WOULD FIND IT CONVENIENT TO HOST THE US/
FRG PLANNING TALKS EITHER IN MARCH OR MAY. MARCH 15 AND 16
ARE THE BEST DATES IN THAT MONTH FOR LORD AND IN THAT CASE
LORD ALSO WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TAKE UP BLECH'S SUGGESTION
OF A VISIT TO WEST BERLIN ON MARCH 17. IN MAY, THE MOST
CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE TALKS WOULD BE ON MAY 28-29, FOLLOW-
ING THE MAY 24-27 APAG MEETING IN DENMARK.

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3. FYI ONLY -- THE BRITISH HAVE ALSO INVITED US FOR

PLANNING TALKS, IN LONDON, MARCH 18-19. THESE DATES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT FOR US IF THAT MONTH IS CHOSEN.

4. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT, DEPENDING ON EVENTS, TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD INCLUDE EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN EUROPE AFTER HELSINKI, TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONS, NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND, IF WARRANTED, THE MIDEAST. THESE TOPICS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO US. WE WOULD WELCOME BLECH'S CURRENT THINKING AS WELL AS THE EMBASSY'S. KISSINGER

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